

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A portable terminal device, comprising:

a determination unit retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in the telephone directory database;

a calling time monitoring unit monitoring a calling time between the arrival of the call and an issuance of a calling tone; and

a transmitting unit immediately connecting the call before the issuance of the calling tone so that a charge is imposed on an originator side when the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database, and announcing a prearranged recorded message, the transmitting unit issuing one or more of the calling tone before connecting the call when the originating number is registered as a predetermined type of originator in the telephone directory database, wherein

a recorded message response time between the arrival of the call and the announcement of a recorded message is stored for each name registered in the telephone directory database, and

an incoming recorded message response time is set for an incoming call by referring to the stored recorded message response time corresponding to the originating number when the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database.

2. (previously presented) The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein when the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set to a zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected before the issuance of the calling

tone so that the charge is imposed on the originator side and the recorded message is announced to the originator.

3. (original) The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein the zero-calling time setting is made in a recorded message response time area of the telephone directory database.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein after the recorded message is announced to the originator, a message from the originator is recorded.

6. – 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method for preventing one-time only calls to a portable telephone set, comprising:

retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in the telephone directory database;

monitoring a calling time between the arrival of the call and an issuance of a calling tone;

immediately connecting the call before the issuance of the calling tone when the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database, and announcing a prearranged recorded message; and

issuing one or more of the calling tone before connecting the call when the originating number is registered as a predetermined type of originator in the telephone directory database, wherein

a recorded message response time between the arrival of the call and the announcement of a recorded message is stored for each name registered in the telephone directory database, and

an incoming recorded message response time is set for an incoming call by referring to the stored recorded message response time corresponding to the originating number when the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database.

10. (previously presented) The method for preventing one-time only calls to a portable telephone set according to claim 9, wherein

when the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set to a zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected before the issuance of the calling tone and the recorded message is announced to the originator.

11. (currently amended) A computer readable medium for causing a portable telephone set to execute a process, the process comprising:

retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in the telephone directory database

monitoring a calling time between the arrival of the call and an issuance of a calling tone;

immediately connecting the call before the issuance of the calling tone if the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database, and announcing a prearranged recorded message; and

issuing one or more of the calling tone before connecting the call when the originating number is registered as a predetermined type of originator in the telephone directory database, wherein

a recorded message response time between the arrival of the call and the announcement of a recorded message is stored for each name registered in the telephone directory database, and

an incoming recorded message response time is set for an incoming call by referring to the stored recorded message response time corresponding to the originating number when the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database.

12. (previously presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 11, the process comprising:

when the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set to zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected before the issuance of the calling tone and the recorded message is announced to the originator.